

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH of CORN HILL



Pope Francis
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Bishop Joe Vásquez
Diocese of Austin

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 13, A.D. 2016

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday	Nov 12	5:00 PM	†Victor Paulousek, Sr.
Sunday	Nov 13	8:30 AM	Pro Populo
		10:30 AM	All Souls (in cemetery – weather permitting)
Monday	Nov 14	7:00 AM	Marshall, Brielle and Conner Cooke
Tuesday	Nov 15	6:00 PM	†Alphonse & Doris Tschoerner
Wednesday	Nov 16	6:30 PM	All Souls
Thursday	Nov 17	7:00 AM	For Life
Friday	Nov 18	6:00 PM	Kip Heuertz (healing)
Saturday	Nov 19	7:30 AM	†Bill and Joanie Schwertner
Saturday	Nov 19	5:00 PM	†Joe & Margaret Vrazel
Sunday	Nov 20	8:30 AM	Pro Populo

Altar Flowers

The flowers at the Tabernacle are placed in honor of our parish and the pilgrims who have experienced God's loving care during the Jubilee Year of Mercy.

Last Week's Collection(s)

November 6: Thirty-Second Sunday Ordinary Time: \$4,625.78

Parish Prayer Campaign for Vocations

is open to all parishioners. To sign-up, contact the parish office.

November 13 – 19: Pinto & Lucille Nemec

November 20 – 26: CCE Program

Religious Articles Cabinet

in the foyer of the church, is full of many wonderful items, for all occasions, which are available for purchase. You may contact the parish office, Louise Straka (512-746-5322) or Janine Nemec (512-863-6892), to purchase items, or to have items ordered for you.

CEF – Spiritual Bouquets

make appropriate gifts for any occasion (birthday, anniversary, death, graduations, sacraments, etc). You can contact our parish CEF chairperson, Janine Nemec (512-863-6892), for enrollments any time. Donations given benefit the education of our diocesan seminarians.

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Reconciliation: Sat: 4:00–4:45 pm; Sun: 7:45–8:15 am;
& Wed: 5:45-6:15 pm (or by appt.)

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Mass Ministry Reminders

Wednesday, November 16, 6:30 PM

Altar Servers: John B, William B, Carter M, Heron R

Lector: Janine Nemec

EMHC: Jennifer Klepac

Gift Bearers: Confirmation II

Saturday, November 19, 5:00 PM:

Altar Servers: John & Maria Bruce

Lector: Leo Bringman

EMHC: Patsy Hightower, Irene Cavanaugh, Keith Youngpeter

Gift Bearers: Bill & Linda Montreuil

Head Usher: Donald Tschoerner

Sunday, November 20, 8:30 AM:

Altar Servers: Carter Marquis, Lucas Beyer, Caleb Stefek

Lector: Kelly Godfrey

EMHC: Johnny Martinka, James Nemec, Jerry David

Gift Bearers: Susan Schoenbaechler

Head Usher: Jerry David

EM to Shut-ins: Sunday, November 20: James Nemec

This Week at a Glance

Sat/Sun, November 12/13:

--Special Collection

Sunday, November 13:

--Year of Mercy Closing Mass

--All Souls' Cemetery Mass

Monday, November 14:

--Senior Citizens' Supper

--Men's Prayer Group

Tuesday, November 15:

--RCIA Class

Wednesday, November 16:

--CCE Class

Sat/Sun, November 19/20:

--Special Collection

--Pro-Life Adoration Sign-Up

At the request of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), all parishes have been asked to take up a **special collection this weekend (November 12/13) to assist those affected by Hurricane Matthew**. The money collected will be distributed through Catholic Relief Services and Catholic Charities USA to provide water, food, shelter, medical care and long-term recovery efforts in the U.S., Cuba, Haiti and other parts of the Caribbean. Please be generous.

Our monthly **Senior Citizens' Supper** will be held this Monday, November 14, at 6:30 p.m. in the PAC Bldg. Thank you to K.J.T. #55 for preparing the meal.

The **Men's Prayer Group** will meet this Monday, November 14, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg. Contact Pete Zenner for information (512-863-4038).

RCIA – Class this Tuesday, November 15, at 7:00 p.m. in the RE Bldg. Discussion: Mary and the Saints.

CCE: Class this Wednesday, November 16, from 6:15 – 8:00 p.m. For more information, contact Lucille D'Elia (512-318-5149 or htdre@yahoo.com).

Choir Practice for the Christmas Season has begun and will be held each Wednesday evening after the 6:30 p.m. Mass. New members are always welcome. Please call Ronnie Simek for more information (512-630-5074).

We will have a **special collection next weekend (November 19/20) for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development**. Your donations empower thousands of poor Americans to reclaim their economic rights and their dignity. Please be generous.

We are happy to announce that we will now have **Pro-Life Adoration on Thursdays from 3 pm – 9 pm in the church**. If you would like to be on the adoration schedule, we will have sign-ups on the weekends of November 19/20 and 26/27. **Our first evening of Adoration will be on Thursday, December 1. The Pro-Life Prayer & Awareness Group will also meet that evening** – beginning with a Pro-Life Rosary at 7:00 p.m. in the church and all parishioners are invited to be a part of this group to pray for and learn more about pro-life issues. For more information or questions, don't hesitate to contact our Pro-Life Coordinator, Chris Garlasco (860-689-3021 or cgarlasco@hotmail.com).

The **Confraternity of Christian Mothers** will meet next Sunday, November 20, in the RE Bldg after the 8:30 a.m. Mass, which they will attend as a group to lead the Rosary prayed before Mass. All ladies are invited to join them at their meeting. Agenda items include Christmas CEF enrollments, Christmas goody bags, election of officers, etc.

Dear friends in Christ,

Praised be Jesus Christ! Thank you, Lord, for the beautiful rain and the cooler temperatures. What a great blessing they have been to us all.

If you have not made your pledge to the **Catholic Services Appeal of the Diocese of Austin** please do so as soon as possible. If you are not able to make a monetary donation at this time, please check on the pledge card that you will pray for the diocese and mail in your pledge card. You will receive a "thank you" for your prayers and the diocese will not send you a follow-up letter asking for money. Let us all do our part to support the Diocese of Austin by pledging either monetarily or through prayer.

This weekend is the end of the Jubilee Year of Mercy in our parish. The yellow cloth around the doors and the banners will be removed, as well as the greenery around the inside of the door. Approximately 3,500 people have come here on pilgrimage. Many attended Mass, many celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and most prayed the prayers from the prayer guide for the Jubilee Year of Mercy. May the love and mercy of God continue to dwell with them and may they all continue to seek His love and mercy by receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation often.

The elections have come and gone. The world is still turning. Let us pray for our President-elect that he may have the courage to listen to the Holy Spirit and allow himself to be guided by that same Spirit. Let us pray for all elected leaders in our nation and in our state. May they live the Gospel of Life and support life in all its stages from natural conception to natural death. May they work together in unity and in peace for the good of all the citizens of these United States.

Next Sunday is the Solemnity of Christ the King, the end of our Church Liturgical Year. In today's reading from the Gospel of Luke, we hear people asking Jesus when the temple will be destroyed and what signs will there be before it happens. Jesus answers, saying that many people will try to deceive everyone, saying that they are Jesus who has returned. But Jesus tells us not to follow them. He also says there will be wars, earthquakes, famines, plagues and signs in the sky. However, Jesus also says that, before all this, there will be a great persecution and we will all be hated because of His name. This persecution has begun. Those who try to be faithful to Jesus and His Church are already being persecuted. In the years ahead, this persecution will only increase. The question for each and every one of us is, "Will you still be faithful?" or will you give in and accept the pagan ways of the world.

Our Blessed Mother, Mary, has warned us in the various times she has appeared in the last 100 years, that this persecution would occur and it has begun. Will you be faithful when it directly affects you? Will you say, "Long live Jesus Christ the King" or will you abandon Him as so many Christians have done? Many Christian denominations no longer teach about the sanctity of Marriage or the sanctity of life. They have given in to the ways of world when it comes to abortion, gay marriage, contraception, lying, cheating, not going to Mass, and becoming selfish and self-centered. May we all have the courage to be faithful to Jesus and to His Catholic Church.

Please continue to pray for the Souls in Purgatory during this month of November as we remember those who have died. May they rest in peace.

In Christ, Fr. Stephen Nerssta, farář

Jubilee Year of Mercy



The Spiritual Works of Mercy

Admonish the sinner
Instruct the ignorant
Counsel the doubtful
Comfort the sorrowful
Bear wrongs patiently
Forgive all injuries
Pray for the living & dead

The Corporal Works of Mercy

Feed the hungry
Give drink to the thirsty
Give alms to the poor
Shelter the homeless
Visit the sick
Visit the imprisoned
Bury the dead

This Sunday – November 13 – all pilgrimage sites for the Diocese of Austin are closing their Holy Doors for the Jubilee Year of Mercy. Next weekend – November 19/20 – the Jubilee Year of Mercy will officially come to an end with Pope Francis's closing ceremony and Mass in Rome.

Though this Liturgical Year of Mercy is ending, we certainly hope that the message of God's Mercy will remain in the hearts of His people and continue to be received in the blessed Sacrament of Reconciliation and given through the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy that we should remember to practice in our daily lives.

We 'discussed' the Spiritual Works of Mercy in the last few bulletins, but didn't get to 'talk about' the Corporal Works, so here they are for you. We hope that all of the Year of Mercy information that we have been publishing each week has helped you in your own personal Mercy pilgrimage.

The Corporal Works of Mercy

Feed the Hungry: There are many people in this world who go without food. When so much of our food goes to waste, consider how good stewardship practices of your own food habits can benefit others who do not have those same resources.

Give Drink to the Thirsty: Many of our brothers and sisters in Christ do not have access to clean water and suffer from the lack of this basic necessity. We should support the efforts of those working towards greater accessibility of this essential resource.

Give Alms to the Poor: Donate money or items to organizations that have the ability to provide support and services for those in need. Research and find organizations that put people in need first, rather than profit.

Shelter the Homeless: There are many circumstances that could lead to someone becoming a person without a home. Christ encourages us to go out and meet those without homes, affirming their worth and helping them seek a resolution to the challenges they face.

Visit the Sick: Those who are sick are often forgotten or avoided. In spite of their illness, these individuals still have much to offer to those who take the time to visit and comfort them.

Visit the Imprisoned: People in prison are still people, made in the image and likeness of God. No matter what someone has done, they deserve the opportunity to hear the Word of God and find the Truth of the message of Christ.

Bury the Dead: Funerals give us the opportunity to grieve and show others support during difficult times. Through our prayers and actions during these times, we show our respect for life, which is always a gift from God, and comfort to those who mourn.

Holy Trinity Catholic Church Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes Thursday, October 20, 2016

Opening Prayer & Scripture Reading (Luke 12:13-21)

Members Present: Helen Havelka, Cynthia Edgar, Jerry David, Bill Montreuil, Pinto Nemec, Marla Tonn, Charles Marquis and Billy Beyer. Ken Loudermilk was absent. **Guests:** 4 **Ex-Officio members present:** Lucille D'Elia and Tommy Sladacek

Old Business

1. Pastoral Plan - The Pastoral Plan Committee is still working on planning retreats. The ushers have had a meeting to understand their role in welcoming.
2. Year of Mercy - Holy Trinity Parish will have a group pilgrimage to Sacred Heart Church in Waco for a Spanish Mass at noon on October 30, 2016. The reception on the last Sunday in November to close out our participation as a pilgrimage site in this Year of Mercy has been cancelled because the Year of Mercy ends on Sunday, November 13.
3. Playscape - Tommy Sladacek stated that work on the playscape is complete.
4. Insulation in Church - The insulation of the entire attic in the Church is complete. Painting will start next week.
5. Pad for the Dumpster - The pad for the dumpster is complete.
6. Road Paving - The road paving is complete.
7. Parish Mission- The Parish Mission will be held October 23-27. A flyer went out to all parishes in the area with information about the Mission.

New Business

1. Pro-life Prayer Group- Our new pro-life prayer group meets the 1st Thursday of each month. They pray a special pro-life rosary at 6:30PM and then have a meeting at 7PM. 30 people have signed up with about 15 regular attendees. This committee is headed by Chris Garlasco.
2. The Catholic Services Appeal will take place over the next two weeks. Pledges help in many different areas.

Ministry/Committee Reports

Social Ministry

1. Jarrell Food Pantry Report - Cynthia Edgar reported that the food pantry continues to serve between 40 and 50 families twice a month. The Food Pantry expressed their gratitude for Holy Trinity's continued financial support of this ongoing project with a thank you letter to the parish.
2. Parish Book Study is complete. Thanks to Men's Bible Group for sponsoring.
3. RE Program - Lucille D'Elia reported that there are 67 students registered in kindergarten through high school classes. The Confirmation class has 9 students.

Cemetery - Johnny Martinka reported that there is ongoing work with gravel for the road and dirt for fill. The water lines are almost complete. The fence is complete. Father asked that the tree trimming be completed before November 1.

Finance Committee - Tommy Sladacek stated that there is nothing to report as the Finance Committee was meeting later that evening.

Other Business - Parish Board Elections were held as Helen Havelka, Jerry David and Bill Montreuil's terms have ended. Thanks were expressed for their service.

Next Meeting: Thursday, December 8, at 7:00 p.m.

STEWARDSHIP

Too many times, when we see or hear the word STEWARDSHIP, it seems to be in conjunction with money ... and maybe you are tired of hearing or seeing this word altogether ! ? !

Well, hopefully, the following will give you a more positive perspective on what STEWARDSHIP is really about! The definition of the word stewardship is: the responsible management of something entrusted into one's care.

Stewardship applies to every aspect of our lives --- personally, professionally and spiritually.

Here in the Church, our focus is on the spiritual aspect and we use the strategy of the

3 Ts: Time – Talent – Treasure.

God has given each of us many gifts and He calls us to:

- *Give of our TIME ... by attending and doing what we are able to at parish functions and fundraisers, being involved in religious education programs or studies, participating in the Mass ministries, and volunteering to help the Church or your parish in any way you can in general.*
- *Offer our TALENTS ... everyone has something that they are good at – you may have many things that you can do well and like to do for others. Some of us are good speakers, some are good teachers, are musically gifted, like to bake/cook, are good with organization and time management. All of these talents, and whatever other skills you may have, are all valuable to the Church in one way or another and God asks that we utilize them in building His kingdom here on earth.*
- *Share our TREASURE ... now here's the money part you always hear of! Other than God's love, forgiveness and sanctifying grace ☺ - not too much in this world is free anymore, so, let's face it, it takes money – and sometimes, quite a bit of it – to do what needs to be done. We need basic means for everyday life: electricity, water, food, gas – all of which take money. When a disaster occurs - fire, flood, illness and accidents - it takes money to rebuild what was lost or what needs to be done to return to 'normal life'. When the Church asks for your monetary assistance, it asks only for what you are able to give – whether it be \$1 or \$1,000 – and never looks down on the extent of someone's generosity. Anytime you give to the Church financially, you are giving back some of what God has given to you, for the benefit of others.*

So now you may wonder,

“What can I do for my parish to help fulfill the role of being of a good steward?”

The following is a general list of opportunities to 'get more involved' here at Holy Trinity. Some of you are already part of some – or many – of them, and we thank you and appreciate you more than you know!!

If you are willing to participate in one or more of these fulfilling tasks, or would simply like more information on any of them, please don't hesitate to contact the parish office.

- **Mass Ministries**
 - Lector
 - Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion at Mass or to Shut-ins
 - Altar Server
 - Usher / Head Usher
 - Gift Bearer
 - Choir / Music Ministry
- **Religious Education**
 - RCIA Program Team Member
 - CCE Program - Teacher
 - CCE Program - Volunteer
 - Pro-Life Prayer & Awareness Group
 - Men's Prayer Group
 - Youth Group Ministry
- **General Parish Ministries**
 - Collection/Money Counters
 - Bazaar/Fundraiser Committee
 - K.J.T. Insurance
 - K.J.Z.T. Insurance
 - Catholic Life Insurance
- **Parish Social Ministries**
 - Senior Citizen Supper Program
 - Hospitality Sunday Program
 - Saturday Potluck Program
 - Charitable Programs
 - Advent Giving Tree
 - Clothing & Food Drives